

### 3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

Date: August 16, 2006 Time: about 12:15 pm Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec 6 S2 of Lot 8

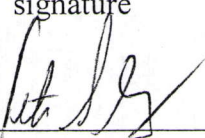
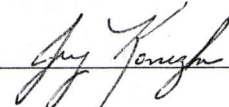
Operators present during inspection: No

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66358 (Hiko Bell expired project area) Is the operation active? No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The project area had been reshaped in August and September 2004 and seeded in December 2004 (most work was conducted by the VFO Div. of Operations, with some assistance from a dozer and operator provided for a number of days by Hiko Bell). The emergence of grasses (needle and thread and rice grass) and shrubs (saltbush and sage) is quite good and the density approximates the adjacent undisturbed ground. There is some cheat grass and Russian thistle amid the desirable plant species. There was only one set of vehicular tracks evident (much less as what I saw during my 2005 inspection). The area is stable and has suitable vegetative cover.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): Yes. The operator of record is provided the VFO installment payments to cover the expenses the BLM incurred by conducting the reshaping and seeding of the expired project area (those payments now appear in LR2000 and have been deposited into the VFO 5320 account).

It is my recommendation to close this surface management case as the [desirable] vegetative cover approximates the cover found in adjacent undisturbed ground and the area is stable.

	signature	name/title	date
Inspector		Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	<u>Aug 30, 2006</u>
Management		Jerry Kenczka Acting AFML&M	<u>8-31-2006</u>

Attachment: digital images

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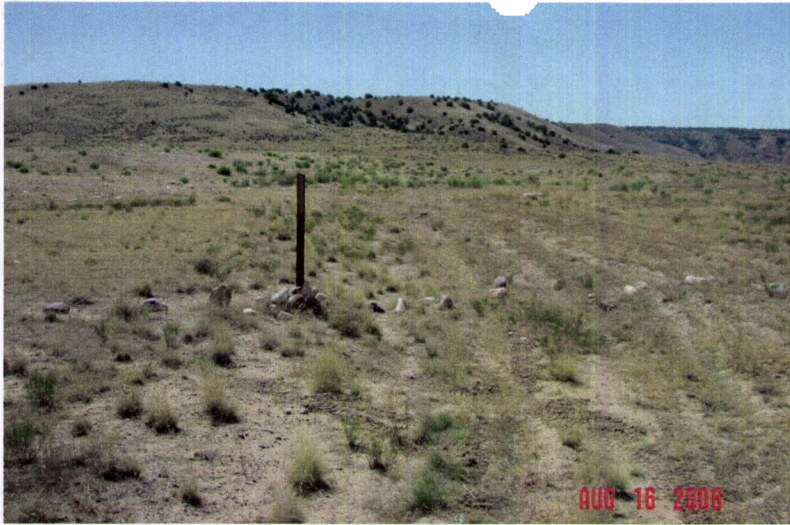
< image 1 view to east of west end of ripped road (constructed by earlier UTU66358 operator). A mound (to preclude vehicular traffic) and "reclaimed area, no vehicular traffic" sign is shown in foreground. Compare with image 1 from prior inspection.



< image 2 view to north (from near the southeastern corner of the former project area). Compared with image 2 from the 2005 inspection there the grasses and shrubs are much larger and the OHV tracks noted



< image 3 view to north-northwest (pan to left of image 2). Reshaped and seeded area is stable and revegetation is well underway (compare with image 3 of prior inspection). OHV travel tracking from last inspection has been become weathered and masked by the emerging desirable vegetation.



< image 4 view to south of the north end of the reclaimed access to UTU66358 that had tracked through expired project area UTU66354. During the 2005 inspection a vehicle had deeply rutted the ground to the right of the post in this image. The rutting (see image 4 of the 2005 inspection) was not apparent (had been weathered and overgrown with vegetation). Tracks from a smaller ATV had crossed into the expired UTU66354 project area (lower right to far-left).



< image 5 view to east of [northern most] intermittent drainage (on east side of expired project area). Some Russian thistle has blown into this low point. Desirable vegetation is emerging which is providing sufficient cover and the area is stable. Compare with image 5 from the 2005 inspection.



< image 6 view to east of southern intermittent drainage (on east side of reshaped expired project area). Desirable vegetation is emerging which is providing sufficient cover and the area is stable. Compare with image 6 from the 2005 inspection.



< image 7 view to east of [reshaped] intermittent drainage (in background of image 1). ). Desirable vegetation is emerging which is providing sufficient cover and the area is stable. Compare with image 7 from the 2005 inspection.